

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

TERRELL C. BIRCH
RAYMOND C. STEWART
JOSEPH A. KOLASCH
JAMES M. SLATTERY
BERNARD L. SWEENEY*
MICHAEL K. MUTTER
CHARLES GORENSTEIN
GERALD M. MURPHY, JR.
LEONARD R. SVENSSON
ANDREW D. MEIKLE
MARC S. WEINER
JOE MCKINNEY MUNCY
ROBERT J. KENNEY
JOHN W. BAILEY
MARK J. NUELLE, PH.D.

OF COUNSEL:
HERBERT M. BIRCH (1905-1996)
ELLIOT A. GOLDBERG*
WILLIAM L. GATES*
EDWARD H. VALANCE
RUPERT J. BRADY (RET)*
F. PRINCE BUTLER
FRED S. WHISENHUNT
JAMES W. HELLWEGE

*ADMITTED TO A BAR OTHER THAN VA



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
8110 GATEHOUSE ROAD
SUITE 500 EAST
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042-1210
USA
(703) 205-8000

FAX: (703) 205-8050
(703) 698-8590 (G IV)

e-mail: mailroom@bskb.com
web: <http://www.bskb.com>

CALIFORNIA OFFICE:
COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

JAMES T. ELLER, JR.
SCOTT L. LOWE
D. RICHARD ANDERSON
PAUL C. LEWIS
MARK W. MILSTEAD*
RICHARD J. GALLAGHER
JAYNE M. SAYDAH*
MARYANNE ARMSTRONG, PH.D.
KECIA J. REYNOLDS
ROBERT L. SCOTT, II
KALPANA REDDY
MARK E. OLDS
ESTHER H. CHONG

REG. PATENT AGENTS:
FREDERICK R. HANDREN
MAKI HATSUMI
CRAIG A. MCROBBIE
GARTH M. DAHLEN, PH.D.
ROBERT E. GOOZNER, PH.D.
MATTHEW J. LATTIG
TIMOTHY R. WYCKOFF
KRISTIL L. RUPERT, PH.D.
MATTHEW T. SHANLEY
JASON W. RHODES
SUSAN W. GORMAN, PH.D.
DAVID J. CHO
EUGENE T. PEREZ
ROBERT W. DOWNS

Date: October 17, 2001

Docket No.: 0234-0433P



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/462,744 filed on February 16,
2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

KASHIWAZAKI, Kazuhisa; BEKKI, Yoichiro and HAYASHI, Noboru

for

ALUMINUM SHEET MATERIAL FOR AUTOMOBILE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING
THE SAME

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

	BASIC FEE		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	\$740.00	\$370.00
			RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	2-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
TOTAL			\$0.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/462,744, filed on February 16, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
- b. ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/462,744, filed on February 16, 2000 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/462,744 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/02547 filed on May 17, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. 133918/1998 filed in Japan on May 15, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. ☐ Enclosed is/are _____ (____) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/462,744 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 7b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to THE FURUKAWA ELECTRIC CO., LTD. and HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA, both of Tokyo, Japan.
9. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.
- 10b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP99/02547 filed on May 17, 1999 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application No. 133918/1998 filed in Japan on May 15, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:


BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP
P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
Telephone: (703) 205-8000

or
Customer No. 2292
13. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/462,744 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By 
Marc S. Weiner, #32,181

MSW/TBS: ^{SS}bmp
0234-0433P

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

Attachments

(Rev. 09/26/01)

0997306-10101
T.D.F.T. E9082660